GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2268
ANSWERED ON:18.03.2002
WORKSHOP ON GROUND WATER
ANANDRAO ADSUL;GANGASANDRA SIDDAPPA BASAVARAJ;GOWDAR MALLIKARJUNAPPA;IQBAL AHMED SARADGI

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a two-day national workshop on ground water recharge and rain water harvesting was held in Bangalore recently;

(b) if so, the details of the main points discussed;

(c) the recommendations made by the workshop and accepted by the Government;

(d) whether any concrete programme has been worked out; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) The main points discussed during the workshop on ground water recharge and rain water harvesting held at Bangalore on 22nd & 23rd December 2001 include hand pump/borewell recharge structure, traditional Water Harvesting Structure (rain water harvesting), community participation in Ground Water Recharge and unified water managements strategy.

(c)to(e) The details of recommendations made at the workshop are given in the enclosed statement. The State Governmentshave to implement the recommendations of the aforesaid national workshop.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY OF PARTS (c) to (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2268 DATED 18.03.2002

Ã˜ All States shall enact comprehensive ground water legislation covering the prohibition of over-exploitation, control and regularisation of ground water development and management, pricing of water for various uses besides promoting implementation of ground water recharge methods.

Ã˜ The Governments shall formulate comprehensive and holisticpolicy on water sector, which would apply to all users and stake holders including individuals, industries and institutions.

Ã˜ The Governments shall empower local self-governments as perthe principles and policies on drinking water, minor irrigation, watershed development and allied areas included in the 73rd and 74th Constitution Amendments.

Ã˜ There shall be a sustained campaign to strengthen village and gram panchayat level capacity to develop skills required for the successful construction, implementation, ownership, operation and maintenance of ground water recharge and rain water harvesting structures and related community assets.

Ã˜ Government shall take steps to promote traditional water sources for drinking water and to rejuvenate those presently defunct.

Ã˜ Government shall promote Information, Education andCommunication methods highlighting the bad effects ofindiscriminate exploitation of water and positive aspects to conserve water.

Ã˜ Governments shall encourage and promote the development ofdocumenting and disseminating the best practices followed in different parts of the country.

Ã˜ The States shall set up common platform for coordinating thefunctioning of those departments involved in or associated with water.

Ã˜ The Centre and States shall simplify, converge andstreamline Government schemes, which deal with the water use and conservation.